

REMARKS

The Examiner asserts a Restriction Requirement under 35 U.S.C. 121, requiring restriction of the application to one of nine alleged groups of claims, namely claims 11, 13-20, 22 and 41 (Group I), claims 11-16, 19-20, 22 and 41 (Group II), claims 11, 13-16, 19-20, 22 and 41 (Group III), claims 21 and 23-27, 29, 31-34, 36-39 (Group IV), claims 21, 23-26, 29-30, 33-34, 36, 39 (Group V), claims 21, 23-26, 29, 33-35, 36, 39 (Group VI), claims 21, 23-26, 29, 33-34, 36, 39 (Group VII), claim 40 (Group VIII), and claim 42 (Group IX). Applicants elect Group I, consisting of claims 11, 13-20, 22 and 41 for prosecution in this application. This election is made without waiver, estoppel, or prejudice to the filing of one or more related applications directed to the subject matter of Groups II through IX.

Applicants note that the proper serial number of the application from which the present application is a continuation is 09/388,816 rather than 09/145,042. This correction is set forth in the amendment to this specification and is supported by application and declaration as filed in this case.

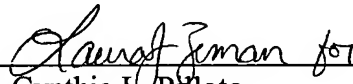
CONCLUSION

Applicants believe that the amendments presented above comply with the restriction requirement set forth in the October 26, 2004 Office Action. The undersigned would welcome a telephone call at the telephone number listed below if such would advance prosecution of this application.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 19-2814 pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.16 and 1.17. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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